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COMPUTER LITERACY IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to various States especially in Rajashtan for computer literacy programme;

(b) whether the Government is satisfied with the progress of computer literacy programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): As per the information received from Ministry of Human Resource Development - the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Information and Communication Technology in Schools was introduced in December 2004 to assist States/UTs, on a sharing mode, for Computer Education Programme at Secondary stage of schooling. The grants released to States in 2007-08 is given in the Annexure. As regards Rajasthan, funds would be released only after receipt of the confirmation of the State Govt. about the budget provision made by the State Govt. to meet the project cost to implement 2500 schools in 2007-08.

(b), (c) and (d): The programme is in the nascent stage as most of the approvals has been accorded in 2007-08. Its actual operation and affectivity can be assessed only in the coming years.